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. 1	16	DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., a California Corporation; UHS OF DELAWARE, INC. WHICH WILL TRANSACT BUSINESS IN CALIF.	NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION (FEDERAL QUESTION)		
1	17	AS UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF DELAWARE, INC., a Delaware Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,	[28 U.S.C. §§ 1331;1441(a) and (b); and 1446(a) and (b)]		
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the United States District Court, Central District of California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441(a) and (b), and 1446(a) and (b).

In support of such removal, these removing defendants allege that the following facts were true as of the date of filing of this Notice of Removal.

- 1. On or about July 7, 2008, plaintiff SEBASTIAN JOHN ZIEGLER commenced this action by filing a Complaint in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Southwest District, Case No. YC057678, entitled, "SEBASTAIN [SIC] JOHN ZIEGLER, Plaintiff, vs. DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., a California Corporation; UHS OF DELAWARE, INC. WHICH WILL TRANSACT BUSINESS IN CALIF. AS UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF DELAWARE, INC., a Delaware Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, Defendants" (hereinafter referred to as "the Ziegler litigation"). A true, correct and genuine copy of plaintiff's Summons and Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein by reference.
- Defendants DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., and UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF DELAWARE, INC. were personally served with the Summons and Complaint in the Ziegler litigation via their designated agent for service of process, CT Corporation, on July 16, 2008.
- These removing defendants served and filed an Answer to plaintiff's Complaint in the Ziegler litigation on August 14, 2008. A true, correct and genuine copy of these removing defendants' Answer to plaintiff's Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and is incorporated herein by reference.
- Among other things, plaintiff's complaint in the Ziegler litigation alleges violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, et seq., and as such, is a civil action arising under the laws of the United States over which this Federal District Court has original federal question subject matter jurisdiction, pursuant to 28 USC § 1331. This action is therefore removable to this United States District Court pursuant to 28 USC § 1441(a) (b) in that plaintiff's action seeks relief from these

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removing defendants founded upon a claim or right arising under the laws of the United States.

- Removal is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), inasmuch as this Notice of 5. Removal has been served and filed within 30 days of July 16, 2008 - the date on which the summons and complaint in the Ziegler litigation was served upon statutory agent for service of these removing defendants. No further proceedings have been had herein and trial has not yet commenced.
- Pursuant to 28 USC § 1446(d), these removing defendants have or will provide a copy of the Notice of Removal and all papers associated therewith to all parties and has filed a conformed copy of this Notice of Removal with the Clerk of the Court, Los Angeles County, California.
- 7. No previous notices of removal have been filed herein. These removing defendants have good and sufficient defenses to plaintiff's claims and denies, both generally and specifically, the substantive allegations contained within plaintiff's complaint.
- 8. Attached as Exhibit "C" is a copy of the Notice to Adverse Party of Removal to the United States District Court, which is being served on the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
- By filing the instant Notice of Removal, these removing defendants do 9. not waive, and fully reserve, all defenses they may have, including but not limited to defenses of lack of personal jurisdiction, lack of subject matter jurisdiction, and failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- Written notice of this Notice of Removal is being provided to plaintiff by 10. service of this document on plaintiff's counsel.

WHEREFORE, defendants DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., a California Corporation, and UHS OF DELAWARE, INC., dba UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF DELAWARE, INC. pray this action be removed to the United States District Court, Central District of California, and that it assume jurisdiction of this

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SEBASTAIN JOHN ZIEGLER,

Plaintiff.

DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., A
California Corporation; UHS OF
DELAWARE, INC. WHICH WILL
TRANSACT BUSINESS IN CALIF. AS
UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF
DELAWARE, INC., A Delaware
Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.:

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR VIOLATIONS OF; AMERICAN'S WITH DISABILITIES ACT: UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT; CALIFORNIA DISABLED PERSONS ACT; NEGLIGENCE

YC057678

DEMAND FOR JURY

Plaintiff SEBASTIAN JOHN ZIEGLER complains of Defendants DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., A California Corporation; UHS OF DELAWARE, INC., WHICH WILL TRANSACT BUSINESS IN CALIF. AS UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF DELAWARE, INC., A Delaware Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, (hereinafter referred to as "Defendants") and alleges as follows:

PARTIES:

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1. Plaintiff is a California resident with physical disabilities. He suffers from Becker's Muscular Dystrophy and neither stand nor walk. He requires a power

wheelchair for mobility.

- 2. Defendants are or were at the time of the incident the owners and operators and/or lessors and lessees of the Hospital located at 23700 Camino Del Sol, Torrance, California.
- 3. Plaintiff does not know the true names of Defendants, their business capacities, their ownership connection to the property and business, or their relative responsibilities in causing the access violations herein complained of, and alleges a joint venture and common enterprise by all such Defendants. Plaintiff is informed and believes that each of the Defendants herein, including DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, is responsible in some capacity for the events herein alleged, or is a necessary party for obtaining appropriate relief. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend when the true names, capacities, connections, and responsibilities of the Defendants and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are ascertained

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS:

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- 4. The Plaintiff contacted the Hospital by telephone at least 10 times during the month of November, 2007, including November 16, 2007, seeking admission to a 30-day inpatient cating disorder/depression program.
- 5. The Hospital is a facility open to the public, a place of public accommodation, and a business establishment.
- 6. Defendants refused to admit the Plaintiff because it did not have any patient rooms that were accessible to wheelchair bound patients with disabilities. In fact, the Defendants refused to even allow Plaintiff to view the facilities, stating that they were inaccessible and that he should look elsewhere for a program.
- 7. Unfortunately, upon information and belief, the Hospital presented barriers to persons in wheelchairs, violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG") and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, including, but not limited to, there was a lack of any accessible patient bedrooms and toilet rooms.
 - 8. Naturally, Plaintiff ZIEGLER was frustrated, angry and/or vexed as a result

of encountering unlawful conditions, violations of his civil rights, and the lack of safe, convenient and accessible facilities. Although these injuries are modest in scope and did not result in any loss of wages or economic damage or medical care or attention, the continued violation of the plaintiff's civil rights by these defendants and the highly unpleasant emotional distress caused by such unlawful treatment is attributable to the actions or inactions of the defendants and plaintiff seeks redress from these defendants for such injury.

9. Plaintiff would like to patronize the Defendants' Hospital and the programs it offers to the public, but because of Plaintiff's knowledge of the existence of the inaccessible conditions and policies, the Plaintiff is unable to use the Hospital on a "full and equal" basis until the Hospital is brought into compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines and state accessibility law as pled herein. Plaintiff has been and currently is being deterred from patronizing the Defendants' Hospital.

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I. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 (On behalf of Plaintiff and Against All Defendants (42 U.S.C. section 12101, et seq.)

10. The defendants are persons who either own, operate, lease or lease to a place of public accommodation. As such, the Defendants are required to (1) ensure that all construction, alteration, or modification is barrier free and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG") and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (aka "California Building Code"); and/or (2) remove all existing barriers where such removal is "readily achievable." The Defendants have failed to meet these obligations. The existence of readily achievably removed barriers and barriers in violation of the ADAAG and/or California Building Code, including but not limited to, there was a lack of any accessible patient bedrooms and toilet rooms, is unlawful and has resulted in the defendants' failure to provide full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges and/or services to the plaintiff.

IL SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF THE UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT (On behalf of Plaintiff and Against All Defendants) (Cal Civ § 51-53)

of public accommodation or business establishment. As such, the Defendants are required to (I) ensure that all construction, alteration, or modification is barrier free and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG") and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (aka "California Building Code"); and (2) remove all existing barriers where such removal is "readily achievable." The Defendants have failed to meet these obligations. The Defendants intended the physical and architectural condition of their property. The existence of readily achievably removed barriers and barriers in violation of the ADAAG and/or California Building Code, including, but not limited to, there was a lack of any accessible patient bedrooms and toilet rooms, is unlawful and has resulted in the defendants: failure to provide full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges and/or services to the plaintiff.

- 12. The acts alleged above, which form the basis of the plaintiff's discrimination claim, are intentional acts.
- III. THERD CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA DISABLED PERSONS ACT (On behalf of Plaintiff and Against All Defendants) (Cal Civ § 54-54.8)
- 13. The defendants are persons who either own, operate, lease or lease to a place of public accommodation or a facility open to the public. As such, the Defendants are required to (1) ensure that all construction, alteration, or modification is barrier free and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG") and Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (aka "California Building Code"); and (2) remove all existing barriers where such removal is "readily achievable." The Defendants have failed to meet these obligations. The existence of feadily achievably removed barriers and barriers in violation of the ADAAG and/or California Building Code, including, but not limited to, there was a lack of any accessible patient bedrooms and tollet rooms, is unlawful and has resulted in the

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FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: NEGLIGENCE (On behalf of Plaintiff and Against All Defendants)

14. The defendants had a general duty and a duty arising under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Unruh Civil Rights Act and California Disabled Persons Act to provide safe, convenient, and accessible facilities to the plaintiff in the running of their Hospital. Their breach of this duty, as alleged in the preceding paragraphs, has caused injury and damage as alleged above.

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Wherefore, Plaintiff prays that this court award damages and provide relief as follows:

- 1. For injunctive relief, compelling Defendants to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Unruh Civil Rights Act. Note: the plaintiff is not invoking section 55 of the California Civil Code and is not seeking injunctive relief under that section.
- 2. Damages under the Unruh Civil Rights Act and/or the California Disabled Persons Act. Note: A defendant cannot be held liable for damages under both the Unruh Civil Rights Act and the California Disabled Persons Act and the plaintiff will make an election at trial depending upon the evidence amassed.
- 3. Reasonable attorneys' fees, litigation expenses and costs of suit, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 12205; Cal. Civ. Code §§ 52 and 54.3 and Cal. Civ. Proc. § 1021, 5.

Dated: July 1, 2008 CENTER FOR DISABILITY ACCESS 11.P

MARK D. POTTER Attorneys for Plaintiff

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands a jury for all claims for which a jury is permitted.

Dated: July 1, 2008

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CENTER FOR DISABILITY ACCESS, LLP

By:

MARK D. POTTER
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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for themselves alone, and separating themselves from all other DOE defendants, admit, deny, and allege as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure § 431.30(d), these answering defendants deny, both generally and specifically, each and every allegation contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint and each and every cause of action contained within plaintiff's complaint and the whole thereof. These answering defendants further specifically deny that plaintiff was damaged in the sum or sums alleged, or to be alleged, or in any sums whatsoever, or at all, and further specifically deny that plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought within his complaint or to any other relief of whatever character, or at all.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

COMES NOW, defendants DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., a California Corporation, and UHS OF DELAWARE, INC., dba UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF DELAWARE, INC., and respectfully submit the following affirmative defenses to each and every cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

1. As and for a first, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff has failed to state facts sufficient to constitute any cause of action against these answering defendants which therefore bars said plaintiff from recovering the relief sought therein.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

2. As and for a second, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these

answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought within his complaint by virtue of the fact that these answering defendants are informed and believe that the physical structure and plant in which DEL AMO HOSPITAL is housed is a facility which was constructed and existing before January 26, 1993.

42 USC § \$ 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv); 12183(a).

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

3. As and for a third, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought within his complaint by virtue of the fact that these responding defendants are informed and believe that the relief sought by plaintiff is not readily achievable, cannot be easily accomplishable, and cannot be implemented without much difficulty and expense.

42 USC § § 12181(9); 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv).

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

4. As and for a fourth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought within his complaint by virtue of the fact that these responding defendants are informed and believe that alternative methods for providing its goods and services to the public

are not readily achievable. 42 USC § § 12182(b)(2)(A)(v).

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

5. As and for a fifth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought within his complaint by virtue of the fact that these responding defendants are informed

and believe that accommodating plaintiff's alleged illness and/or condition would require modifications to DEL AMO HOSPITAL's areas of specialization. 56 Fed. Reg. 25565 (July 26, 1991), *Grubbs v. Medical Facilities of America* (D.C. Vir. 1995) 879 F. Supp. 588, 591, fn. 6.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

6. As and for a sixth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought within his complaint by virtue of the fact that UHS OF DELAWARE, INC. does not own DEL AMO HOSPITAL.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

7. As and for a seventh, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff has failed to mitigate his damages, if any, which therefore bars said plaintiff from recovering the relief sought therein.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

8. As and for an eighth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought therein by reason of the doctrine of estoppel.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

9. As and for a ninth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these ///

answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought therein by reason of the doctrine of waiver.

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TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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11. As and for an eleventh, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint,

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TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief

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FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

14. As and for a fourteenth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought therein by reason of the doctrine of consent.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

15. As and for a fifteenth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought therein by reason of the common law doctrine of privilege and/or *California Civil Code* § 47, et seq.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

16. As and for a sixteenth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought therein by reason of the doctrine of justification.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

17. As and for a seventeenth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought within his complaint by the doctrine of preemption.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

18. As and for an eighteenth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint,

these answering defendants allege that plaintiff's action is barred by the statute of limitations codified in *California Code of Civil Procedure* § 340(a).

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

19. As and for a nineteenth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought within his complaint by virtue of the fact plaintiff has suffered no damage.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

20. As and for a twentieth, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought therein by reason of the fact that at all times herein mentioned, the conduct of these answering defendants was in all respects reasonable, without malice and accomplished with good cause.

TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

21. As and for a twenty-first, separate and distinct affirmative defense to each and every purported cause of action contained within plaintiff's unverified complaint, these answering defendants allege that plaintiff is barred from recovering the relief sought therein by virtue of his failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

WHEREFORE, these answering defendants respectfully pray judgment be taken against plaintiff, as follows:

1. That plaintiff take nothing by virtue of his unverified complaint on file herein from these answering defendants;

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1	2. That plaintiff's unverified complaint be dismissed, with prejudice, as to
2	these answering defendants;
3	3. That these answering defendants be awarded its costs of suit including
4	reasonable attorneys' fees; and
5	4. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.
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7	DATED: August 13, 2008 COTKIN & COLLINS A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
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PROOF OF SERVICE 1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 2 I, DEBRA FIELDS, am employed in the aforesaid County, State of California: 3 I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 200 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Suite 800, Santa Ana, CA 92701. 4 On August 14, 2008, I served the foregoing DEFENDANTS' ANSWER TO 5 PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT on the interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows: 6 7 Counsel for Plaintiff Mark D. Potter, Esq. SEBASTIAN JOHN ZIEGLER Russell C. Handy, Esq. 8 CENTER FOR DISABILITY ACCESS, LLP 100 East San Marcos Blvd., Suite 400 Tel: (760) 480-4162 9 Fax: (760) 480-4170 San Marcos, CA 92069-2988 10 11 12 BY FIRST CLASS MAIL: I placed such envelope for deposit in the U.S. Mail for service by the United States Postal Service, with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid. I am readily familiar with 13 my employer's practice for the collection and processing of mail. Under that practice, envelopes would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service that same day, with first class postage thereon fully prepaid, 14 in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if the postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one day after the date of 15 deposit for mailing shown in this proof of service. 16 BY FACSIMILE: I caused the document to be transmitted by a facsimile machine compliant with Rule 2003 of the California Rules of Court to the offices of the addressees at the telephone numbers 17 shown on the service list. BY HAND DELIVERY: I caused such envelope to be delivered by hand to the offices of the

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12	SEBASTAIN [SIC] JOHN ZIEGLER, Case No. YC057678 HON. Ramona See
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14	vs. NOTICE TO ADVERSE PARTY OF REMOVAL TO THE UNITED
15	DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., a STATES DISTRICT COURT California Corporation; UHS OF
16	DELAWARE, INC. WHICH WILL) TRANSACT BUSINESS IN CALIF.
17	AS UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES) OF DELAWARE, INC., a Delaware Complaint Filed: 7-7-08
18	Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100, Trial Date: Not Set
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23	TO PLAINTIFF SEBASTIAN JOHN ZIEGLER, AND TO HIS COUNSEL
24	OF RECORD HEREIN MARK D. POTTER AND RUSSELL C. HANDY, AND
25	EACH OF THEM:
26	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, defendants DEL
27	AMO HOSPITAL, INC., a California Corporation, and UHS OF DELAWARE, INC.,
28	dba UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF DELAWARE, INC., filed a Notice of

Removal of the above-entitled action in the United States District Court for the Central 1 District of California on August 15, 2008. $\tilde{\mathbf{2}}$ A copy of said Notice of Removal is attached to this Notice as Exhibit "A" and 3 incorporated herein by reference and is served and filed concurrently herewith. 4 5 DATED: August 15, 2008 COLLIN COTKIN 6 CORRELATION 7 8 By: 9 Attorneys for Defendants DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., a California Corporation, and UHS OF DELAWARE, 10 11 INC., dba UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES OF DELAWARE, INC. 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

I, DEBRA FIELDS, am employed in the aforesaid County, State of California; I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action; my business address is 200 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Suite 800, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

On August 15, 2008, I served the foregoing NOTICE TO ADVERSE PARTY OF REMOVAL TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT on the interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed as follows:

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DEBRA FIELDS

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to District Judge George P. Schiavelli and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Frederick F. Mumm.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

CV08- 5361 GPS (FFMx)

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

All discovery related motions should be noticed on the calendar of the Magistrate Judge
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NOTICE TO COUNSEL
A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).
Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

Failure to file at the proper location will result in your documents being returned to you.

Southern Division

411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053

Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

[] Eastern Division

3470 Twelfth St., Rm. 134

Riverside, CA 92501

[X] Western Division

312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Case 2:08-cv-05361-VAP/FFM Document 1 Filed 08/15/08 Page 30 of 32 Page ID #:30 UNITED STANDS DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT O **CIVIL COVER SHEET DEFENDANTS** (Check box if you are representing yourself) SEBASTAIN [SIC] JOHN ZIEGLER DEL AMO HOSPITAL, INC., et al. (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff (Except in U.S. Plaintiff Cases): County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (In U.S. Plaintiff Cases Only): (c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, Attorneys (If Known) William D. Naeve, Esq. Mark D. Potter, Esq. Center for Disability Access, LLP Cotkin & Collins 100 East San Marcos Blvd. 200 West Santa Ana Boulevard Suite 800 Suite 400 San Marcos, CA 92069-2988 Santa Ana, CA 92701 (760) 480-4170(714) 835-2330 CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES - For Diversity Cases Only II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.) 111. (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.) DEF DEF 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff X 3 Federal Question Citizen of This State Incorporated or Principal Place (U.S. Government Not a Party) of Business in this State Citizen of Another State 2 Incorporated and Principal Place 2 2 U.S. Government Defendant 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of of Business in Another State Parties in Item III) Foreign Nation Citizen or Subject of a 3 □ 6 □ 6 Foreign Country IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.) 1 Original X 2 Removed from 3 Remanded from 4 Reinstated or 5 Transferred from 7 Appeal to District 6 Multi-District State Court Appellate Court Reopened another district Litigation Judge from Magistrate (specify): Judge JURY DEMAND: X Yes No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.) V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: CLASS ACTION under F.R.C.P. 23: Yes X No MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$ CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filling and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.) 42 USC section 12101, et seq.: Americans with Disabilities Act NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.) CONTRACT OTHER STATUTES %.TORTS TORTS PRISONER PETITIONS LABOR PERSONAL INJURY PERSONAL PROPERTY] 400 State 710 Fair Labor 110 Insurance 510 Motions to Reapportionment 310 Airplane 370 Other Fraud Standards Act 120 Marine Vacate 410 Antitrust 20Labor/Mgmt, 315 Airplane Product 371 Truth in Lending Sentence 130 Miller Act 430 Banks and Banking Relations Liability Habeas Corpus 380 Other Personal 30Labor/Mgmt.] 140 Negotiable Instrument Assault, Libel & 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. Property Damage 530 General Reporting & 150 Recovery of Overpaymen Slander 460 Deportation 385 Property Damage ☐ 535 Death Penalty Disclosure Act & Enforcement of 330 Fed. Employers' 470 Racketeer Influenced and **Product Liability** 740Railway Labor Act Judgment ☐ 540 Mandamus/ Liability Corrupt Organizations 790 Other Labor Litig. ANKRUPTCY 151 Medicare Act ☐ 340 Marine Other 480 Consumer Credit 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. 152 Recovery of Defaulted] 422 Appeal 28 USC 550 Civil Rights 490 Cable/Sat TV 345 Marine Product Security Act Student Loan (Excl. Veterans) Liability 350 Motor Vehicle 158 555 Prison 810 Selective Service PROPERTY RIGHTS 423 Withdrawal 28 153 Recovery of Overpayment Condition 850 Securities/Commodities/ 820 Copyrights USC 157 355 Motor Vehicle of Veteran's Benefits Exchange ORFEITURE/PENALTY 160 Stockholders' Suits Product Liability 830 Patent 875 Customer Challenge CIVIL RIGHTS 360 Other Personal 🗌 610 Agriculture 840 Trademark 190 Other Contract 12 USC 3410 441 Voting Injury 890 Other Statutory 195 Contract Product Liability SOCIAL SECURITY 620 Other Food & 362 Personal Injury-442 Employment Actions 196 Franchise Drug 861 HIA (1395ff) 891 Agricultural Act Med Malpractice 443 Housing/Acco-625 Drug Related 862 Black Lung (923) REAL PROPERTY 892 Economic Stabilization mmodations 365 Personal Injury-Seizure of 863 DIWC/DIWW 210 Land Condemnation Property 21 444 Welfare (405(g)) Product Liability 893 Environmental Matters USC 881 864 SSID Title XVI 220 Foreclosure 445 American with ∃ 368 Asbestos Personal 630 Liquor Laws ☐ 865 RSI (405(g)) 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment Disabilities -Injury Product 895 Freedom of Info. Act 640 R.R. & Truck Liability Employment FEDERAL TAX SUITS 240 Torts to Land 900 Appeal of Fee Determina X 446 American with 650 Airline Regs] 870 Taxes (U.S. tion Under Equal 245 Tort Product Liability Disabilities -660 Occupational Plaintiff or Access to Justice 290 All Other Real Property Other Safety/Health Defendant) 950 Constitutionality of 440 Other Civil 871 IRS - Third Party 690 Other State Statutes Rights 26 USC 7609 VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed and dismissed, remanded or closed? 💢 No 🗀 Yes If yes, list case number(s): FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Case Number:

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AFTER COMPLETING THE FRONT SIDE OF FORM CV-71, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

VIII/L) DELATED CASES, L	lovo opy oppos	been previously filed that are related to the present case? X No Yes
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Key to Statistical codes relatin	g to Social Secu	urity Cases:
Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))

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All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title

All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF LIFORNIA INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM

Authority for Civil Cover Sheet

The CV-71 (JS-44) Civil Cover Sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- I. (a) PLAINTIFFS DEFENDANTS. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a Government Agency use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official giving both name and title.
 - (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: in land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
 - (c) Attorneys. Enter firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section ("see attachment"). Refer to Local Rules 83-2.7 and 41-6 for further information regarding change of attorney name, address, firm association, phone number, fax number or e-mail address, and dismissal of action for failure of pro se plaintiff to keep Court apprised of current address.
- II. JURISDICTION. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdiction be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 - United States Plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction is based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
 - United States Defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal Question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331 where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, and act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code take precedence and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of Citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332 where parties are citizens of different states. When box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below) (Federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. RESIDENCE (CITIZENSHIP) OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES. This section of the CV-71 (JS-44) is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. ORIGIN. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes:
 - (1) Original Proceedings. Cases which originate in the United States District Courts.
 - (2) Removed from State Court. Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
 - (3) Remanded from Appellate court. Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 - (4) Reinstated or Reopened. Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
 - (5) Transferred from Another District. For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). DO NOT use this for within-district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers. When this box is checked, DO NOT check (6) below.
 - (6) Multidistrict Litigation. Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, DO NOT check (5) above.
 - (7) Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge Judgment. Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.
- V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT.

Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause of action. Do not cite jurisdictional statues unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553

Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

- VII. NATURE OF SUIT. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. MARK ONE BOX ONLY. If the cause of action fits more than one nature of suit, select the one that best describes your cause of action.
- VIII(a) IDENTICAL CASES. Indicate if an identical action has previously been filed and dismissed, remanded or closed. Insert the docket number and judge's name, if applicable.
- VIII(b) RELATED CASES. This section of the CV-71 (JS-44) is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge's name for each case. Check all boxes that apply.
- IX. VENUE. This section of the CV-71 (JS-44) is used to identify the correct division in which the case will be filed. Please remember to indicate the residence of EACH plaintiff and defendant and the county or state in which each claim arose.
 - If the United States government or an agency thereof is a plaintiff or defendant, place an "X" in the appropriate box. Indicate the residence of other parties, if any.
 - In each category: for each party and claim, indicate the county, if in California. If other than California, you need only to list the state or country.
- Attorney or party appearing pro per must sign and date this form.